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**“THE YEAR OF RETURN, 2019” –
CANDLELIGHT VIGIL: LIGHTING THE PATH HOME**

As part of “The Year of Return, Ghana 2019” activities, the Embassy of Ghana will hold a Candle Light Vigil themed “Lighting the Path Home” on Wednesday, June 19, 2019 from 8:00 pm -9:30 pm at the Northeast Lawn, next to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC.

The “Lighting the Path Home,” is a candlelight commemoration and goodwill event designed to unite the Diaspora, Africans, and those who support the reunification in a symbolic demonstration of hope, faith and love.

On the evening of Juneteenth, Ghana’s Ambassador to the United States, H.E. Dr. Barfuor Adjei-Barwuah, will join in the candle lighting activity at the National Museum of African American History and Culture.

We encourage people around the globe who are unable to join us in Washington, D.C. to light a candle wherever they may be on that day, and post videos and photographs on social media with the harsh tags #yearofreturn2019 and #Lightingthepathhome.

About Year of Return

Last year, Ghana’s President, Nana Addo Dankwa Akufo-Addo, declared the year 2019 as the Year of Return. The “Year of Return, Ghana 2019” is a major landmark spiritual and birth-right journey inviting the Global African family, home and abroad, to mark 400 years of the arrival of the first enslaved Africans in Jamestown, Virginia.

In his remarks the president said that, “we know of the extraordinary achievements and contributions African Americans made to the lives of the Americans, and it is important that this symbolic year—400 years later—we commemorate their existence and their sacrifices.”

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